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Also from Marion are stage manager Caitlin Babbitt (2000) and set designer Tyler Kuppig (2000).

Becky Lipstock (2000) of Mattapoisett plays Sandy; Adriana Cerundolo (2002) of Wareham plays Marty; Sopie Davis (2002) of Osterville plays Rizzo; and Zach Finkelstein (2001) of Plymouth plays Roger.

Mark Howland is the director, Richard Van Voris is the technical director, David Horne is the musical director, and Jane Babbitt is the choreographer. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased in advance at The Bookstall in Marion or at the door. Reservations may be made by calling Tabor Academy at (508) 748-2000.

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• ORR Plays Jazz Festival

On Saturday, February 26, student musicians from Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, under the direction of Steve Rogers, will compete with Large Ensembles from the northeastern United States and from as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at Berklee College of Music's 32nd Annual High School Jazz Festival. Nearly 3,000 students will compete for trophies, citation plaques, and tuition scholarships totaling \$100,000 at the largest festival of its kind in the U.S. The days' events are FREE and open to the public.

The high school groups will perform and compete at the Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, and from 7:30 pm until 11:30 pm. For the finale, the ten top big bands will perform in the final competition at the 2,700-seat Hynes Grand Ballroom. One of the college's most prestigious bands, the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra, directed by Greg Hopkins, will also perform in the Grand Ballroom from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the wake of their highly-acclaimed concert at the recent International Association of Jazz Educators Conference in New Orleans.

• OHS Goes All State

The Old Hammondtown School Jazz Band, under the direction of Stan Ellis, will once again be giving a demonstration of their talents at the Massachusetts Music Educators Conference. The convention, which will be held during the weekend of March 16, 17 and 18, is a chance for all music educators statewide to come together and learn about the advances in technology and teaching ideas and methods.

The OHS Jazz Band, which will be performing March 16 at 1:00 pm at the Sheraton Ferncroft in Danvers, has given four demonstrations and two performances in the last ten years for the All State Conferences.

"The band usually plays two or three numbers for the audience and we also demonstrate some of the teaching methods that I am using with the students," Mr. Ellis said. "The methods and ideas change from year to year, depending upon what the needs of the students are,

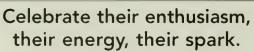


Above: Members of the Old Hammondtown Jazz Band (seen performing here last year at Memorial School in Rochester) will be once again giving a demonstration of their talents at the Massachusetts Music Educators Conference next month in Danvers. The award-winning group is directed by Music Teacher Stan Ellis. (Wanderer file photo).

On the cover: Members of the cast of Grease during a recent rehearsal. The show will be staged by the Tabor Academy Drama and Music Departments on February 17, 18 and 19 at the Hoyt Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy in Marion. Tickets are \$7 per person and are available at The Bookstall in Marion or at the door. For more information, please call 748-2000. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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and I believe that helps with the popularity of the group at these conventions. We always play to a packed house and, of course, all of our bands have always sounded great in past years, so that helps us fill the room.

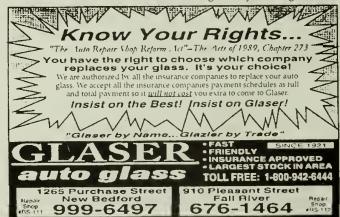
"It really becomes a learning experience for everyone involved, including our students. The students get to better understand some of the methods that I am using with them everyday and, because they are the actual demonstration, they feel as if they are teaching the class to the music teachers present in the audience. I also get to see what will work when I am teaching other music teachers about elementary jazz band and this helps me with the seminars that I teach to student music teachers at the Berklee College of Music in Boston."

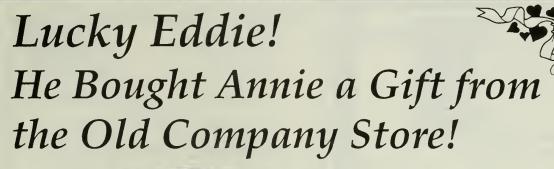
Mr. Ellis gave a week-long seminar at Berklee last year, one day of which was devoted to a performance by the OHS Band. In August, Mr. Ellis will once again be teaching at Berklee and will use videotapes of the past OHS bands in his lectures.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting February 8, 2000 By Ilana Mackin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Ms. Adams first announced that there will be a change in several of the Town Hall's meeting nights. Effective April 3, 2000, the Board of Selectmen will be conducting weekly meetings on







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Monday evenings instead of Tuesday evenings. Other departments that will be following suit include the Town Clerk, Treasurer/Tax Collector, and the Inspector of Buildings. Any department not mentioned at this time will continue with its present schedule.

In regular business, the board approved the minutes of the Selectmen's meetings held on Tuesday, January 25; Tuesday, February 1; and the Executive Session minutes of Tuesday, February 1. Signatures were provided by the board for this week's vouchers and bills and the appointment of James F. Greene of 34 Driscoll Lane was announced and approved as an Alternate Representative to the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC). The board also signed correspondence received from Peter Foster who regretfully resigned from his membership on the Marine Advisory Board (MAB).

At 7:15 pm, the board met with members from the Historical Commission. Margaret DeMello and Chairman Betty Theriault thanked the board for affording them the opportunity to come before them to update them on a current project the committee has been working on for the past several months. They proposed that three historic markers be placed around town at major sites that include the Town Wharves, Ned's Point (with a focus on the lighthouse), and the Herring Weir on Route 6. "We have come before you to ask for some input on what we are doing," said Ms. DeMello.

The Historic Committee members provided the board with a rough draft diagram of what the markers would look like, what they would include and where they would be placed. To be made from a technologically-designed material of fiberglass mounted over information and photographs on granite rock pillars of some type that would all be placed in handicapped-accessible locations. The three markers together are projected to cost some





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Ms. DeMello commented that the size of each plaque stand would be different depending on content and cost, but they are looking at somewhere in the size of a 36" x 36" titled stand. "They are meant to give a point of view of where the individual should be standing in relation to what they would be looking at," said Ms. Theriault.

With photograph examples of already-existing samples in other towns, and the rough draft diagram, the Selectmen were able to visualize exactly what the Historical Commission was proposing

> This would add a nice touch," said Chairman Lambalot. "It would be an excellent visual idea," said Selectman

Denham.

Currently the Historical Commission is in the process of



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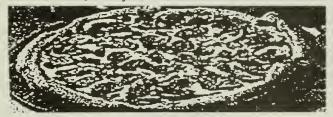
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seeking sponsorship donations for the historic markers. Previous attempts to gain corporate support have gone unanswered, but they will continue to pursue some sort of larger campaign when the designs are nearer to completion.

Chairman Lambalot mentioned that anyone who wished to sponsor one of the markers would certainly have the option to place a personal plaque of their own somewhere on it. "It would be a nice way to have your family's name remembered," said Selectman Denham. Chairman Lambalot added that it would also be a perfect opportunity to provide a family or personal memorial. If private funding donations cannot be gathered, the Historical Commission will work on an accurate figures for the three markers to bring to Town Meeting.

"This would be very informative for the townspeople as well as visitors," Chairman Lambalot said. "A lot of people are not fully aware of the town's history. I think it's a great idea."

"We're glad to hear that, but we still have a considerable amount of research to do," said Ms. DeMello.

The commission is very concerned with doing as much research as possible on each location in order to provide accurate information. They estimate that it will take them about nine months to a year in order to finish the project. They will keep the board posted on their progress and the Selectmen will try their best to plug for donors," as Selectman Andrews suggested.

In other matters to come before the board, Ms. Adams reviewed incoming correspondence.

A letter of resignation from the Board of Appeals was submitted by A.R. Gould. Ms. Adams noted that "we wish him the very best."

Notification was received from the Wareham Community Development Authority that a grant to initiate the Regional

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Housing Program in Mattapoisett, Carver and Wareham was not awarded to the Town of Wareham. The Department of Housing and Community Development stated they will continue to pursue other funding for this project.

The Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 2:00 pm at the SRPEDD

Office in Taunton.

Arthur Rebello, President of Utility Workers Union, informed the board in a letter that due to recent deregulation, residential consumer relations work will be eliminated. The services to be eliminated relate to safety and energy. Safety services provide programs for grammar school students. The Mattapoisett COA has also been the recipient of programs relating to energy services. Chairman Lambalot recommended that the board look into this matter further by making a call to the Com/Electric Public

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What if the problem continues?

If you have done the 3 steps described above and the dog still has diarrhea, it is time to have your veterinarian evaluate the dog and possibly perform additional tests in order to obtain a diagnosis. This is especially important if your dog lacks his normal energy level, is losing weight or has an uncharacteristically poor appetite.

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Relations department to see what they are going to do to pick up the slack.

A new channel lineup announcement was received from MediaOne. Effective March 7 the local community access channel will be moving from channel 3 to channel 9. The Product Information Network (PIN) will be discontinued and they will be launching a new Game Show Network called GSN.

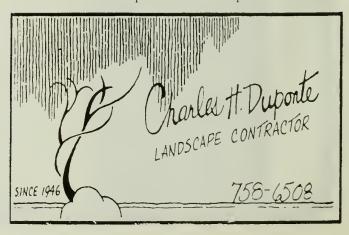
Chief of Police James F. Moran submitted correspondence from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Mental Retardation Staff and Residents of 18
Randall Road commending the efforts of Patrolmen Days and Simpson along with other rescue personne! who recently responded to an emergency call. "Their quick response, professional manner and compassion were above and beyond the call of duty," the letter stated.

Notification was received from Police Chief Moran that Officer Anthony M. Days graduated from the Massachusetts DARE Officers Training Class on February 4. Officer Days will work along with Sgt. Magee in presenting DARE Programs in local schools.

Meetings scheduled through out the week include the Chairman of Bicycle Path Study Committee that will compile information requested by attorneys representing the YMCA on Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 am.

The Tri-Town Herring Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

In a last piece of business for the evening, Ms. Adams presented the board with a packet of information relative to the Town Wharf Food Concession Stand Contract specifications. She asked the board members to review the current contract in order to make any necessary amendments that they will finalize later this week. The final contract specifications will be published in the



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newspapers as soon as they are reviewed and revised.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 8, 2000 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing treasury warrants #32 and #33 for the week, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 1 meeting, with Selectman Dickerson abstaining.

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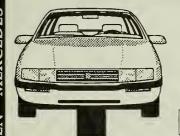
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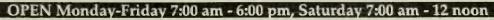
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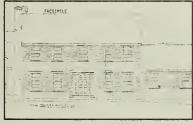
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Happy Valentine's Day

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from Dorothy Drolett expressing her praise for the board's recent selection of Harbormaster, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. "You should be commended because you made excellent choices filling the three positions ... they are all dedicated to the town," Ms. Drolett wrote.
- Memo from Mr. Pickles regarding surplus vehicles in the Department of Public Works (DPW). Bids were received on the following vehicles and Mr. Pickles recommended they be sold to the highest bidder: 1955 GMC fire truck - \$50; 1952 4x4 threequarter-ton cargo truck - \$100; 1953 catch basin cleaner - \$200; 10ton Buffalo roller - \$157.52; 1987 Dodge senior citizens' van - \$261; 1987 Dodge pickup truck - \$483; 1993 Ford Crown Victoria - \$515; 1993 Ford Crown Victoria - \$1,005. The board unanimously voted to sell off these items to the highest bidders.

• Notice from MediaOne of the following channel line-up changes: MediaOne Channel 3 has been added; Game Show Network (Channel 68) has been added; PIN (Channel 9) has been deleted; and Access Channel (Channel 3) has been changed to Channel 9.

At 7:10 pm the board opened a Dog Hearing regarding two large Akita-type dogs owned by the Melchoir family. Animal Control Officer (ACO) Susan King was present for the meeting, but no one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Melchoir family. Ms. King recounted to the board the history of the dogs in question.

"This past summer, on August 4, two Akitas owned by the Melchoirs attacked a dog ... and seriously injured it," Ms. King said. "We didn't think he was going to live. At that time, I recommended that the two Akitas be restrained. After that, there





were two more incidents where the (Akitas) got loose. On January 30, Nancy DeCosta witnessed the male Akita attacking her dog. When she attempted to pull him off, he bit her hand. The dog was quarantined for ten days ... I told the owners they had to comply with the quarantine and restraining order for ten days. I held both dogs at the kennel ... the owners picked up the (female) dog today."

When the board asked Ms. King for her recommendation, she advised that the male Akita should be destroyed. "He is animal-aggressive and my fear is should he get loose again, anyone with a dog or cat would be in danger," she said.

"I know it's a difficult decision to destroy an animal and I'm sure you did not reach this decision lightly," Chairman Schaefer said. "But I think an animal which has demonstrated such viciousness is likely to do it again. I know we can banish the dog from town, but that turns the problem into someone else's." With

that, the board unanimously voted to order the male Akita owned by the Melchoir family destroyed. Both Ms. King and Mr. Pickles noted that the Melchoirs have five days to appeal the board's decision once they receive the order.

Shortly thereafter, members of the Marion Fire
Department came before the board en masse to offer their support
to the Board of Selectmen in their capacity as Board of Fire
Engineers and the current Fire Chief, C. Robert Davis. This move
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bring our department into the twenty-first century, changes have to occur. Though some of these changes may not be popular to all, we support and stand behind the chief, C. Robert Davis, and his right as chief to manage and direct the Marion Fire Department."

Approximately 20 members of the Marion Fire Department were in attendance, lending their support to this statement. Chairman Schaefer thanked them for coming in to express their opinion. "I want to thank you for coming in and supporting the chief," she said. "And we appreciate your show of support."

In other matters, the board:

• Met with members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) who reviewed a ten-year Capital Expenditures Plan for the town. FinCom Chairman Lee Hayes explained that he'd walk through some of the major capital expenditures which the town will face in the next few years. "We feel we've got a good hold on a ten-year plan, but we're not ready tonight to say: 'Here's the impact,'" he said. "We're feeling pretty good about the way the operating budgets are lining up ... but it's a lot of stuff and we need to take a deep breath and plan for the long haul."

"This addresses some real basic needs of the town," Selectman Winters added. "I don't see a lot of fluff or bells and whistles here. I won't say it's bare bones, but these are things we

need."

• Discussed initial plans to begin the process of finding a replacement for Town Administrator Ray Pickles, who announced he will retire at the end of 2000 after 27 years of service to the Town of Marion. The board seemed to agree that a process similar to the one they just used to hire a new Police Chief would be best in finding a replacement for Mr. Pickles. Town Clerk Debra Blanchette also asked that she be involved in some aspect of the selection process, since her triple role as Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector requires her to work closely with the Town Administrator.

"I'm sure we'll start the advertising process very soon," Chairman Schaefer said. "(Mr. Pickles') retirement will take place at the end of the year ... but we'd like to have (the new person) come in and work with him for at least a month."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:25 pm.

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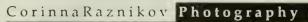
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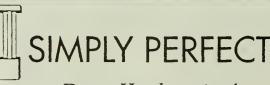
February 7, 2000 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the January 24 and January 31 meetings, the board voted to sign and approve payment of a bill from Dyer/Brown for design services on the new Rochester Police/ Communications Building in the amount of \$10,500; and also an invoice from Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies in the amount of \$3,904.15.

Mr. Huntoon advised that Diane Wood of the Rochester Centennial Celebration Committee made arrangements with him during the previous week to set up a fund-raising account for the event. He also advised that she estimated they would need about 40 hours in third party detail coverage, which will be added to the Selectmen's "celebrations" line item budget.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Town Accountant Claudette Coutu, Tax Collector Tom Gavoski, and members of the Board of Assessors to discuss reconciliation of the town's receivables for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Department of Revenue (DOR).





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According to Ms. Coutu, the DOR requires a detailed report which is compatible with their computer system. She contacted them to see if the town could get a waiver for this year in anticipation of a new computer system which will soon be implemented in Rochester, but DOR would not grant such a waiver.

"The problem I see is you're never going to have it done before June 30," Mr. Gayoski said. "If and when the Board of Assessors (switch) to the new computer system, I can see it. The other part is you're asking to hire a full-time person to be used by the Tax Collector's office and the Board of Assessors. I want to make sure (the computer) does everything we need it to do ... before we spend the money."

Everyone settled on asking the town's Deputy Tax Collector to set up a computer system which could handle the necessary data for the time being.

"The problem is getting something because right now we don't have anything to do this (report)," Selectman Ryan said. "What we need is someone to do the



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data entry. I suggest you put a line item in your account with \$1,000 for next year ... just so you have an account to transfer to in the future."

The various board members also agreed to use existing Town Hall personnel to begin entering the necessary data and, if need be, consider hiring additional help to complete the task in time to meet the DOR's deadline.

Mr. Huntoon informed the board that they had received a letter from William Watson, President of the Rochester Police Brotherhood, requesting certain concessions regarding the independent inquiry being conducted by Kathleen O'Toole into their recent letter of "no confidence" against Chief Walter Denham. Among their suggestions: that members of the department have an attorney present during interviews conducted by Ms. O'Toole.

The board strongly felt that Ms. O'Toole should be allowed to conduct her inquiry without any input or suggestions from town officials or members of the Police Department. In fact, when Chairman Cutler was informed by Selectman Parker that she had attempted to contact Ms. O'Toole, he discouraged her from making any contact until her inquiry was complete.

"I left a (personal) message on her voice mail ... it had nothing to do with her investigation," Selectman Parker said.

"I'd prefer that you not contact her at all until

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after she's completed her inquiry," Chairman Cutler said. "I don't want anyone to get the wrong perception ... I really want to stay as far away from her inquiry as possible until the tail end. I think when she's all done, she should present a report to the Board of Selectmen — and the Board of Selectmen alone — in Executive Session."

Mr. Huntoon added that he had an initial meeting with Ms. O'Toole earlier that day, but that would be the extent of his contact with her until she completes her investigation.

With regards to the letter from the Police Brotherhood, the board agreed to send acknowledgement of having received the letter, but added that Ms. O'Toole would be allowed to conduct her investigation without any restrictions or input from them. "This wasn't something we initiated on our own," Selectman Parker said, "this is a reaction to (the Police Brotherhood's) concerns."

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Response from Attorney Eric Jaikes regarding the proposed discontinuance of Old Neck Road as prepared for David P. Mello and dated August 21, 1997. Selectman Parker suggested that Mr. Jaikes come before the board with copies of the approved subdivision plans and the purchase and sales agreement. But Mr. Huntoon said he would handle this matter personally and report back to the board at a later date.
 - Request from Chief Dispatcher Kathleen



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O'Brien to reclassify the positions of chief dispatcher, fulltime dispatcher, and part-time dispatcher. Chairman Cutler suggested that Ms. O'Brien submit the current job descriptions to them along with her proposed changes for future discussion with the Personnel Board.

 Request from the Old Rochester Regional School District to appoint a representative in the matter of collective bargaining with the Rochester Memorial Teachers' Association. Selectman Ryan volunteered to serve in this capacity, and her fellow board members unanimously voted to appoint her.

• Letter from 12-year-old resident Nathan Valente who wrote to the board with some concerns. "Lately, I have noticed some changes in the atmosphere of the town," he wrote. "For example, the roads after rain storms are often flooded with the result of mosquitoes in the summer and ice in the winter. I think this happens because of the clogging of the drainage grates. Another problem I have witnessed is the destruction of the beautiful woods and ponds. These same woods and ponds have been turned into estates, and roads. I am



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concerned about the animal habitats."

Chairman Cutler drafted a detailed response to young Mr. Valente, praising him for his willingness to become involved and exercising his civic duty. "The Board of Selectmen is pleased that you care and while you are too young to vote right now, you are certainly welcome to come to Town Hall Monday night when the Board of Selectmen have their regular meetings," Chairman Cutler wrote. "Your opinions and questions are welcome." The board also agreed to forward the letter to Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge, Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon, and members of the Planning Board for their input into the specific problems raised in the letter.

• Letter from Melinda Kershaw expressing her interest in serving on the Cable Advisory Committee. Mr. Huntoon noted that members of the Cable Advisory Committee had suggested Ms. Kershaw apply; with that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Kershaw to the Cable Advisory Committee.

• Notice from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) that the town's recent grant application for the Self-Help Application for the Rounseville Project was not selected for funding due to limited resources. The EOEA advised that a new special rolling grant round will begin March 1, 2000 and suggested the town reapply.

• Notice from Edward Zyskowski of Acushnet that a parcel identified as Map 37, Lot 7B in Rochester which is currently under an agricultural classification (Chapter 61A) is being considered for purchase. The prospective buyer plans to retain the property under Chapter 61A, but the town must be given the option of purchasing it first. The board members concurred that the property in question would have no use to the town and unanimously voted to pass on their option to purchase.

In other matters, Selectman Ryan noted that she

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had talked to the Library Trustees about the proposed expansion of the library, and they have since reduced their initial expansion of 15,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet total, encompassing two floors.

Chairman Cutler advised that last week Gary Laboa had expressed interest in serving on the dormant Industrial Development Commission (IDC). "I think this is something we should get up and running," he said. "The IDC helps find businesses to come into Rochester ... and I think it's something we should have."

The board recommended that residents interested in serving on the IDC for up to a three-year term should submit a letter of interest to them as soon as possible for consideration.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts By Kenneth J. Souza

• Marion Baseball

Registration forms for Marion Baseball — Babe Ruth, Babe Ruth Prep, Major League, and Minor League — are now available in the Marion Recreation display in the Marion Town Library on Spring Street. All forms should be returned to the Marion Recreation Department, P.O. Box 539 as soon as possible.

Registration for Marion Baseball, Farm Team and T-Ball, will be held on Wednesday, February 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Sippican School cafeteria.

• Mattapoisett Little League

The Mattapoisett Recreation Committee will be holding signups for Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball (9 to 12 years old) on February 15 in the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Girls Softball (Grades 3 to 8) will be held on February 17 in the Junior High School cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact John Haley at 758-4587.

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• International Baseball Game

This July, Okinawa Japan will host the next International Friendship Baseball Games. Youths from Fairhaven and New Bedford have been invited by our sister city Tosashimizu to participate, along with their sister city of Tomigusuku Okinawa in the John Manjiro International Baseball Games.

Besides playing baseball, the children will have an opportunity to visit many historical areas of Okinawa and experience first-hand a unique culture. At the same time, President Clinton will be visiting Okinawa for the G8 World Summit meeting. There will be opportunities for the children to witness this piece of history. President Clinton has been invited by the Tomigusuku government to throw out the first baseball of this exciting tournament.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Thank you to the many Marion residents who promptly completed and returned the local Census form. If you haven't returned your form, please do so as soon as possible to avoid a follow-up phone call and/or home visit. Sincerely,

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Friends of Old Rochester Music

Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM), the parent group supporting the music program at Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools, met last week in the Teacher's lunch room at the high school. At the meeting, Manny Monteiro reported that the Super Bowl Subs fund-raiser was a great success. He thanked all of the volunteers who helped prepare and deliver the approximately 500 subs and expressed his appreciation to Porky's which provided the ingredients — with an especially big "thank you" for the assistance of Mike Pinard at Porky's.

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Beginning February 28, a four-session series titled War and Peace will be held at the YMCA Youth and Family Center in Mattapoisett on Reservation Road. Sessions will run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Child care will be available by pre-registration only. A fee of \$10 will cover the cost of materials.

Jeanine Fitzgerald, workshop facilitator, describes the series as follows: "Young children have a strong need to work on the issues related to power and control, good and evil, real and pretend, as well as right and wrong. Play that allows children to work on these issues is usually loud, aggressive, and at times violent in its themes. Nevertheless, it is important play because it helps children develop a sense of who they are in the world and how to control their desires to be 'bad,' gives them a chance to figure out prosocial behaviors and roles and gain self-control. The challenge for adults, who work with or raise young children, becomes to provide opportunities to play out these themes and concepts while supporting play that is not aggressive or violent in nature."

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Marion Electoral Process

In order to help Marion residents understand the electoral process, Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette recently addressed some of the most frequently asked questions and common misunderstandings of voters. There are three political parties in Massachusetts: the Democratic Party (D), the Republican Party (R), and the Libertarian Party (L).

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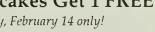
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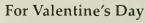


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If you do not enroll in a party, you may choose any party ballot you wish at the *state primaries* and still remain unenrolled.

In a presidential primary, once you choose a party ballot you automatically become enrolled in that political party. You may return immediately to "unenrolled" status by filling out a certificate of change card as you leave the voting area. You may change your enrollment status by notifying your election official in writing at least 20 days before an election.

The last day to register to vote or change party enrollment for the upcoming March 7 Presidential Primary is February 16 until 8:00 pm. Prior to the deadline, you may register to vote by using the mail-in registration form or register at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, during regular business hours — Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Those who cannot vote in person at the polls on Tuesday, March 7 may vote absentee. Absentee ballots will soon be available in the office or voters may file an application and an absentee ballot will be mailed.

Due to construction at Sippican School, Marion's polling place has been changed to the Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street.

ORR Parents Program

Parents of eighth graders at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School are invited to a special program on Wednesday, February 16 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the senior high school. Specific instructions regarding selection of courses for Grade 9 will be covered and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of high school counselors and administrators.

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Hospice Training in Fairhaven

Hospice of Community Nurse Association in Fairhaven is beginning at 24-hour training program for volunteers on February 28 and will continue through the end of March. Hospice is a comprehensive program of care in which physicians, nurses, counselors, and other professionals keep patients comfortable and alert at home while providing emotional and other support services to themselves and their family.

Hopsice staff will present such subjects as basics of terminal care, death and dying, patient care, family concerns, bereavement and spiritual issues. The training is designed to help volunteers provide friendship, support and practical assistance to terminally-ill patients and their families. Volunteers also provide much-needed indirect support by assisting in the office, in advisory capacities, fund-raising, and the like.

No commitment is requested until after completion of the training, and volunteers may donate as little as a few hours of their time each month to fit their personal schedules.

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Russell Memorial Library

The Russell Memorial Library will present six Spring Pre-School Story Times from March 1 through April 6. This FREE program is open to children ages 3, 4 and 5. Parents may choose from two sessions: Wednesday, 10:30 to 11:15 am or Thursday, 1:30 to 2:15 pm. Story Time includes books, songs, and finger plays. Adults must remain in the building and are asked to help their child with a simple craft at the end of the session. Registration is required and will be held February 14 through 29. Please visit the library or call 998-0270 for details.

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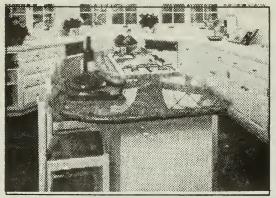
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graduates of Old Rochester Regional High School to come to one of their meetings. Find out what they're doing, say hello to old friends, and see if it's something you would like to participate in. All are welcome!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the ORR cafeteria. Meetings usually last about one hour. We hope to see you there!

Sippican School Construction

The structural steel continues to be erected at Sippican School in Marion. If you look closely you will be able to see the entry area that will be used to enter the school from Park Street. It has a raised octagonal shape. This portion of the steel will be used to cover the rear entrance to the building. The steel erection will continue through February vacation.

There are many people who work at the construction site and over the weeks they will be highlighted in the *Construction News* newsletter. Peter Koczera is the Clerk of the Works. He has been hired by the Sippican School Building Committee to act as the eyes and ears of the town on the school building project. Mr. Koczera is a retired construction contractor. He has served as clerk on several school projects, most recently as the clerk for the South School renovation in Hingham, MA. Mr. Koczera and Project Manager John Spath recently presented a safety program to all Sippican School students.



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The Clerk of the Works works with the architect, the Construction Company, and the town to insure that the materials specified in the contract documents are used on the project. He insures that the quality of construction is per the plans and specifications. When the footings, foundations, and slabs were poured, Mr. Koczera was present at each pour to make sure the concrete was of the specified design mix and was poured under the proper conditions, i.e. temperature, slump, air entrapment, and placement.

Mr. Koczera is responsible for coordination with the testing company to have a technician on the site for all the concrete pours. He is responsible for maintenance of daily reports on manpower, work in progress, review of all requests for payment, and approval of requests for payment. In addition, he advises the Building Committee on matters that relate to the renovation and construction of the building. The position of the Clerk of the Works is extremely important to the successful, satisfactory completion of the construction and renovation.

Residents should note that as of this week, the two parking signs near the Kindergarten entrance will indicate an additional time that parking will be prohibited in the area. This is necessary to allow Kindergarten students to board and exit the buses safely. Therefore, there will be no parking in front of the Kindergarten area during the following times: 8:00 to 9:00 am; 11:15 am to 12:30 pm; and 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Thank you for



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If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact School Committee Chairman Susan Grosart at 748-0180, Superintendent Betty Quinn at 758-2772, or Principal Mary Lou Hobson at 748-0100.

Rep. Straus in Mattapoisett

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) will hold district office hours at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging office in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, February 11 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. No appointment is necessary.

LWV Lasagna Supper

The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters (LWV) will hold its annual winter Lasagna Supper with guest speaker on Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 pm in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall on South Street in Marion. The topic to be discussed is Health Care Reform. All area residents, including teenagers, are welcome.

The charge for the entire evening is \$6, payable at the door. However, reservations are requested. Please call Eunice Manduca at 748-1327 and leave your name, number planning to attend, whether regular or vegetarian lasagna is desired and, where possible, a contact phone in case of storm cancellation.

The speaker on Health Care Reform is Barbara Sullivan. A graduate of Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing, she also holds a BS degree in Sociology/Social Work from Northeastern University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She worked for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in Child/Adolescent Services from 1970 until her retirement in



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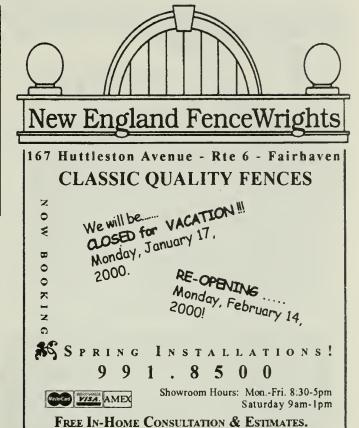
1989. Ms. Sullivan is currently the Health Care Specialist for the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

The League thanks the local advertisers in its Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Blue Phone Directory whose continued support makes it possible for the Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters to provide the community at large with such valuable information.

Marion Art Center

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"New Leaf" is the title of the first exhibition of the new century now on display at the Marion Art Center featuring paintings by Carolyn Dlouhy of Mattapoisett.



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Ms. Dlouhy holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Swain School of Design and also from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in Art Education. She also received an MA from UMass Dartmouth specializing in visual design, painting and video. She has been substitute teacher in the art departments of many area schools and has taught at Westport Artists Group, The Fireside School in Little Compton, the Art Center in New Bedford, and the Marion Art Center to name just a few. Ms. Dlouhy also worked as Gallery Director in Brentwood, CA and as Executive Art Consultant at the Tamara Bane Gallery in Los Angeles.

She has exhibited her work at Gallery X in New Bedford, the Donovan Gallery and Champagne's Gallery in Rhode Island, and the Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions Countdown to the Millennium Group Show. The exhibition at the Marion Art Center will run through March 3. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Admission is FREE.

Exhibition Committee

The Exhibition Committee of the Marion Art Center will meet on Wednesday, February 16 at 4:00 pm at the center. There are some places left for artists in a couple of group shows this year. Those wishing to be considered for a watercolor show or a "Works on Paper" show or the 2001 schedule should submit 20 slides or six original pieces for the committee to see. The Marion Art Center installs 10 exhibitions each year in a variety of media — watercolors, oils, collage, and works on paper as well as sculpture and other three-dimensional work are acceptable. For more information, please call (508) 748-1266.

New Website

Welcome to the new millennium ... you can now visit the Marion Art Center at www.marionartcenter.org on the Internet. Thanks to the time and effort of volunteer Bill Kiesewetter, they are finally "out there" on line all over the world! Members can find out about classes, lessons, art camp, and current productions through the Internet as well as their newsletter. They also hope to expand their services by accepting Visa and Mastercard in the not-too-distant future. For the convenience of members, tickets, classes, memberships and the like may be purchased with a credit card.

Another service they hope to provide to artists will be the displaying of their work on the website and "represent" them through the magic of this new medium. The possibilities are endless, and a new form of digital art is being explored and refined by local artist Gerry Ficks, who will educate the Exhibition Committee at their next meeting. If you'd like to help with the Marion Art Center website, please call 748-1266.

Dance Classes

The Marion Art Center has announced that Dance Classes for the winter 2000 term will resume on

Thursdays with Kinderstep for Preschoolers at 2:00 pm; Firsteps for Grades 1 and 2 meets 3:30 to 4:15 pm; and Ballet, Jazz and Tap for Grades 3 and up will be held at 4:15 and 5:15 pm. Instructors from the Sheri Gold Dance Studios provide an energetic and fun atmosphere while teaching the fundamentals of dance movements, stretching, and choreography. Term II runs through March 23 (11 weeks) and the fee is \$120 for MAC members, \$135 for the general public.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Teacher Nominee

The administration and staff at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School are pleased to announce the nomination of the school's Instructional Media Specialist, Ms. Christine Watling, as their nominee for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program. Ms. Watling also serves as Chairman of Old Colony's Technology Committee and is the National Honor Society Advisor.

In nominating the Rochester resident to the Massachusetts Department of Education, Superintendent-Director David J. Ferreira said: "Ms. Watling is the consummate professional who has earned the respect of students and peers alike. A creative and enthusiastic educator, she has been an invaluable resource of Old Colony. In particular, her leadership in the implementation of the District's Technology Plan has been exceptional." Ms. Watling has served the District since 1980.

Project Spotlight

The following students from Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will participate in the spring semester of the UMass Dartmouth Project Spotlight Program — from Acushnet: Denise Oliver, Joshua Oliver, and Christopher Motta; from Rochester: Aaron Lawrence. The Project Spotlight Program includes an array of enrichment activities which provide a bridge into higher education for high potential eleventh graders. The goals of the program are to stimulate creative and critical thinking, artistic expression, social awareness, and personal commitment.

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Mattapoisett Cub Scouts

Mattapoisett Cub Scouts Pack 53 will be holding a Soup Night and Gong Show fund-raiser on Saturday, March 11 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Door prizes, entertainment, and a fun night will be had by all. Tickets are available by calling Christina at 758-4010, Sue at 763-6023, or Gwen at 758-3402.

The Scouts are looking for people who would like to portray a talent for the Gong Show. First, second and third place trophies will be given.

Marion Firefighters Association

The Marion Fire Department has made the decision that the new Thermal Imaging Camera would greatly increase the safety of the members, as well as the community. Thermal imaging is the newest technology in fire-fighting. It allows visibility in low- to no-visibility situations, such as smoke and fire filled buildings. With this technology, chances of getting out of burning buildings and rescuing occupants is greatly increased. The list of situations that the camera can be used in are:

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As you can see, the volunteer fire-fighters in Marion find this to be a very important tool for the safety of its town. Especially in a town that has dormitories, schools, elderly housing, nursing homes, multi-family dwellings, as well as businesses.

The cost of these cameras range from \$16,000 to \$30,000 — no, they are not cheap but what price can you put on a life? Please help support the Marion Firefighters Association's efforts in raising the funds to purchase these life-saving devices. Donations can be sent to the Marion Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 114, Marion, MA 02378. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Media Effects on Children

Does media matter? Does it affect the development of your child? What can we do as parents to use the media instead of allowing them to use us? These are just a few of the questions that Marion Pediatrician Cheryl M. Greenfield will address in a presentation scheduled for February 16 at the YMCA Youth and Family Center in Mattapoisett. The session will begin at 6:00 pm. Child care is available by pre-registration only.

Dr. Greenfield will discuss the ways in which various forms of contemporary entertainment and advertising — TV, videos, the Internet, movies, computer games — affect your child and the kind of messages that

your child receives from them. She will also make a number of suggestions and provide guidelines to help parents control the influences and information that make their way into the home. To register, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett School Renovations

Stay up-to-date with the Center/Old Hammondtown School Renovation Committee online. The webpage is dedicated to keeping townspeople aware of how the project is proceeding. The site contains Renovation Committee member names for contacting with questions or comments. It also includes the School Committee's Long Range Educational and Facilities Plan, public meetings and community involvement, and biweekly updates of the committee's meetings and progress. The information is part of the ORR School District's site located at http://people.ne.mediaone.net/orrsd, or can be linked from the Town of Mattapoisett's page at http://www.mattapoisett.net.

Sippican School Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School in Marion on Tuesday evening, February 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and on Thursday morning, March 2 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Both sessions will be held in the cafeteria.

At this time, parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration, including verification of lead screening, Hepatitis B vaccination, and other immunizations. A copy of each student's original birth certificate will be taken.

Information and forms have been mailed to parents of prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Brodeur at Sippican School, between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus at Mattapoisett Town Hall on Saturday, February 12 at 1:30 pm to elect four delegates and four alternates to the 2000 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women. The Convention will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2000 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, MA. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Mattapoisett.

Horticulture Program in Marion

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residents in our region in the 1600s. The speaker for this program is John Forti, an expert from Plimoth Plantation's renowned professional staff. The program will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, located at the corner of South Street and Front Street in Marion.

John Forti, Herbalist and Horticulturist at Plimoth Plantation, will present an hour-long program called "Horticulture in the Seventeenth Century: The Gardens and Landscapes of Plimoth Plantation," focusing on the growth and outgrowths of 17th century gardening in nearby Plymouth, MA. Topics of discussion will include native plants, organic practices, herbalism, and raised bed kitchen gardens. Don't miss this dynamic, knowledgeable

speaker! All Sippican Historical Society programs are open to the public and are free-of-charge.

Project GROW Openings

The Project GROW classrooms in Mattapoisett and Rochester each have one opening for a preschool child. Children must have turned three years old by September 1999 and not be Kindergarten age-eligible. Preference for enrollment is given to children with no preschool experience and children from families with income below 50 percent of the state median income.

The program is an integrated preschool serving children with and without special needs in the same classroom. The role of the family in the child's educational experience is highly valued. Family involvement is an expectation. Home visits are an integral part of the program. The High/Scope curriculum is implemented.

Project GROW classes meet four hours per day from Tuesday through Friday and follow the public school calendar. The program is tuition-free. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The February meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will feature a program by club member Nancy Baybutt. She will explain and discuss what it takes to prepare a show dog worthy of being shown at the world-famous Westminster at Madison Square Garden in New York. Her "Champion" Affenpinscher (monkey dog) will accompany her and show how a champion performs.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Hostesses Alison Henderson and Lee Yeaton along with their tea committee will provide a luncheon of sandwiches, beverages, and desserts.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club sponsors educational, philanthropic, civic and social activities. For information about the club's special interest groups or membership, please call Judy at 758-9505.

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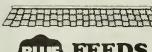


Marion Ham and Bean Supper

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) announces a Ham and Bean Supper and Penny Sale (Silent Auction). Featuring pineapple glazed baked ham, three kinds of home-baked beans, cole slaw, five kinds of bread and rolls, butter, coffee, and desserts. The event will be held on Saturday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. Donation is \$6 per person. For further information and tickets, please call: Gerald Barrows (295-2848), Richard Ziemba (295-7766), Warren Washburn (748-0791), "Demi" Barros (748-1028), or "Manny" Barboza (947-8799).

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Mattapoisett Board of Health

The Department of Public Health has urged local Boards of Health to educate the public about the dangers of ETS (Environmental Tobacco Smoke) and to pass and enforce local regulations to protect their residents from exposure to second-hand smoke in all public places including restaurants.

In order to make an informed decision regarding drafting proposed ETS Restaurant Regulations, the Board of Health invites all Mattapoisett residents to contact them regarding their opinions about smoking in restaurants. Residents can call or write the Board of Health by contacting:

Dale Barrow, Health Agent; Mattapoisett Board of Health; P.O. Box 434; Mattapoisett, MA 02739; (508) 758-4112.

Rochester Kindergarten Registration

Rochester Memorial School will hold Kindergarten registration during the week of February 14. Please call 763-2049 for further information.

Marion Festival Seeks Artists

Now is the time for all good artists to come and enter the Marion Wine and Arts Festival, which will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2000. The Marion Wine and Arts Festival is a Juried Art Show and fine wine tasting. At this one-day festival, over 80 artists will exhibit. Wine connoisseurs will be able to taste over 200 wines. The festival opens at 11:00 am and closes at 7:00 pm. Five beautiful tents on Island Wharf will protect all the art exhibits with 14 artists exhibiting in the Marion Music Hall. It will be a spectacular setting for an art exhibition.

The festival is currently engaged in an Artists' Call for entries, which are due by February 29, 2000. Artists wishing to enter the Jury Process can write to The Marion Wine and Arts Festival, 178 Front Street, Marion, MA 02738 to receive the Prospectus and Application or call 508-748-9972. The Jury Fee is \$20 and non-refundable. The Marion Wine and Arts Festival is open to all media except performance, film or video art. Marion's own highly-regarded painter, Dr. Charles Parsons, is one of the jurors and will be exhibiting at the festival.

Aside from presenting great art to the community, one of the festival's goals is to make a significant donation to the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford for theater upgrades. Tickets will go on sale February 15. Information on how to purchase tickets will be announced shortly.

The First Presenting Sponsor of the Marion Wine and Arts Festival is Plymouth Savings Bank. Other presenting sponsors are Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery; Meg Roberts, who owns A Painted Peace in Mattapoisett; and Spirits, a retailer of fine wines in Marion Village. For more information, please contact Wendy Cullum at 748-9972.

Maconchu Club - Mattapoisett

The Maconchu Club will next meet on Saturday, February 19 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program will feature Dave Olney who will speak to the group on "Nature's Driving Forces." Guests are always welcome.

Fairhaven Evening School

The Fairhaven Evening School will hold registration for its Spring 2000 session on Wednesday, February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Fairhaven High School cafeteria. The Evening School, begun in the Fall of 1999, will offer the following courses:

- Monday Photography; Advanced Pottery; Intro to Windows/MS Word; Intro to Desktop Publishing; Cake Decorating for Two; Intro to PowerPoint; Stained Glass; Intro to Basketry; Religion as a Social Force; Substitute Teaching; Intro to Sign Language; Personal Finance Seminars.
- Wednesday Intro to Windows/MS Word; Web Page Design; Fairhaven Book Club; Advanced Cake Decorating; Intro to Drawing; Quilting; Advanced Astrology; Intro to Excel; Intro to Conversational Spanish; Knitting and Crocheting.

All courses are open to local residents. The Spring 2000 session will run Monday and Wednesday evenings from March 6 to May 3 at Fairhaven High School. For more information, please call Heather Albritton, director of the Evening School, at 979-4051.

Mattapoisett Touring Club

The Mattapoisett Touring Club has planned the following trip to which everyone is welcome:

- March 29 to April 12, 2000 Spain and Portugal, with optional three-night Madeira Island Extension (15 days). Visit Barcelona, Picasso Museum, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada Alhambra, Costa del Sol, Rock of Gibraltar, Seville, Flamenco Show, Lisbon, Fatima, Nazare, Obidos, Fado Music Show. Includes round trip air, transportation to Logan Airport, 23 meals (13 breakfasts, 10 dinners). Price is \$1,999 twin occupancy.
- May 22 to 26, 2000 White Mountains, Ottowa. Enjoy Ottawa at tulip festival time. The group will rest at The Beacon in the White Mountains enroute to Ottowa and return. Five days, four nights with 10 meals, entertainment, Rideau Canal cruise, etc. Price is \$395 per person.
- June 17, 2000 Lobsterbake, Ogunquit. Motorcoach to Maine and enjoy a "downeast" lobster bake at Bill Foster's (chicken available). Later, visit Perkins Cove, stroll the Marginal Way and visit the many boutiques in Ogunquit. Price is \$45 per person.
- July 14, 2000 Tall Ships 2000. Boston is the official U.S. Race Port for the Tall Ships 2000 Series. At 7:30 am motorcoach to Boston Harbor, at 9:30 am board the *Provincetown II* for a narrated cruise. At 11:30 am return

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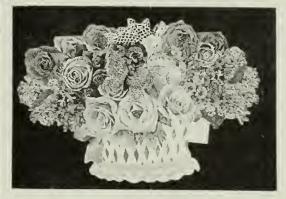
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Movie Review

Slash and Burn

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■ Scream 3. Starring Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox Arquette. Directed by Wes Craven. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Somewhere near the middle of Scream 3, a film geek is brought in — make that shoehorned in — to explain the guidelines of the final chapters of movie trilogies, such as the Godfather series and the first Star Warstriptych. What he conveniently forgets to mention is that Godfather III and Return of the Jedi were easily the weakest installments in their trilogies. So it is also with Scream 3, a tepid and depressing conclusion (can we really believe that?) to a once-hip and genuinely scary horror series.

The sarcastic young audience for the Scream movies, eager to laugh and shriek and laugh at themselves shrieking, made the first two entries big hits. But Scream 3 offers very little in the way of laughs or scares. The previous two films had fun with the long-dead slasher subgenre, mocking it and resurrecting it at the same time — its postmodern awareness gave the shocks a new vitality. Scream 3 doesn't have nearly as much fun with its genre or itself. The kids who weren't around to see the lame slasher films of the early '80s may now get to see what they missed: Scream 3 is pretty much a straight, cynical, and infinitely unimaginative slasher flick. This franchise has become the cheese it once subverted and transcended.

Neve Campbell returns, phoning in her performance (no pun intended) as Sidney Prescott, the traumatized heroine of the series. Her experiences with the Munchmasked, black-cloaked killer have inspired two hit films, Stab and Stab 2; the third movie is in production, but the actors in it are being killed — in the same order as the murders of the characters they're playing. The director, Wes Craven, who has helmed all three Scream movies, gets far less mileage out of this life-imitates-script premise than you'd expect; then again, he's done it before, in New Nightmare, Craven's farewell to A Nightmare on Elm Street, his other popular horror series. Craven said all he had to say about the weirdness of moviemaking in that film; he's certainly said all he has to say about knives and blood.

The script, by Ehren Kruger (taking



over from former Scream scribe Kevin Williamson), is top-heavy with red herrings and elaborate exposition - yes, we hear even more about Sidney's mysterious dead mother. The other Scream films were also tricky and convoluted, but I don't remember them playing like the WB version of Murder She Wrote, as Scream 3 too often does. Old characters (Courteney Cox Arquette's reporter Gale Weathers, David Arquette's goofy Deputy Dewey) and new characters (Parker Posey as a paranoid actress, Scott Foley as a movie director) all have the same function — wandering around in the dark stupidly, waiting for the masked killer to isolate and butcher them. This is particularly inexcusable with the returning characters; don't they remember they were in the first two films?

Scream 3 is one of the casualties of Columbine: It's markedly less gory than its predecessors, no doubt because the studio got cold feet in the wake of the national debate about movie violence. Craven stages the stalking and slashing as professionally as always, but this time the thrills feel anemic, as if we were watching a pilot for Scream: The Series, diluted for network TV. If there's less blood on the screen, there's even less in the movie's veins. The tacky, increasingly underattended dead-teenager films of the last couple of years (I Still Know What You Did Last Summer, Urban Legend, etc.) seemed to spell the doom of the late-'90s slasher boom; Scream 3 may be sounding its death knell.

Perhaps one day Scream 3 will be appreciated as Wes Craven's ultimate subversion of the slasher genre — illustrating how dead the genre is by intentionally making a lame movie — but right now it just feels like the studio's sorry attempt to make lightning strike a third time. It's time to hang up the empty mask of the slasher genre; it's time horror got a new face.

■ CINEMA 140

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Friday (Feb. 11) through Thursday (Feb. 17)
The Cider House Rules (PG-13) – Fri: 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00

Tumbleweeds (PG-13) - Fri-Sun: 2:30, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 6:45

The Straight Story (G) – Fri: 4:45, 9:00; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 4:45, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 8:45

Mansfield Park (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00

Next Friday (R) – Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30; Sat/ Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 7:30, 9:30

Isn't She Great? (R) – Fri: 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:15

7:15, 9:15 Sweet and Lowdown (PG-13) - Fri-Sun: 2:00, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 7:00

Supernova (PG-13) – Fri: 4:15, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 4:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 9:15

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The Tigger Movie (G) - 12:10, 2:35, 4:35, 7:00 Snow Day (PG) - 12:50, 2:55, 4:50, 6:55, 9:00 The Beach (R) - 12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:25 Scream 3 (R) - 12:00, 1:20, 1:30, 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 7:35, 9:30, 10:05 Eye of the Beholder (R) - 9:30 Galaxy Quest (PG) - 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40 Talented Mr. Ripley (R) - 12:30, 3:30, 6:55, 9:55 Any Given Sunday (R) - 9:20 Stuart Little (PG) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10 Bicentennial Man (PG) - 12:45, 3:35, 7:25, 10:00 The Green Mile (R) - 7:30 Down to You (PG-13) - 8:55 Toy Story 2 (G) - 12:25, 2:40, 4:50 The Hurricane (R) - 12:40, 3:40, 7:05, 9:55 Girl, Interrupted (R) - 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA. Movie Line: 999-3141

Friday (Feb. 11) through Thursday (Feb. 17) Scream 3 (R) – 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30

5.00, 5.30 Stuart Little (PG) - 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6:40 Toy Story 2 (G) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 Snow Day (PG) - 1:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

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Galaxy Quest (PG) – 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10 The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) – 1:50, 4:50, 7:50 Eye of the Beholder (R) – 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 8:50 The Green Mile (R) – 8:25

The Beach (R) – 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Down to You (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30 The Hurricane (R) – 1:40, 5:00, 8:00 The Sixth Sense (PG-13) – 7:00, 9:20



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Tuesday, February 15 - BBQ rib on a roll, turkey sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 16 -Spaghetti and meat sauce, ham sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, February 17 - Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit,

Friday, February 18 - French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE

ELDERLY NUTRITION Monday, February 14 - Swedish meatballs, buttered rotini, broccoli. potato bread, sweetheart cake.

Tuesday, February 15 - Split pea soup, chicken salad plate, Hawaiian cole slaw, club roll, fresh fruit

Wednesday, February 16 -Beef stew with vegetables, boiled potato, dark rye bread, chocolate pudding.

Thursday, February 17 - Roast turkey with gravy, whipped potato, squash and cranberry sauce, whole wheat roll, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, February 18 - Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomato, oatmeal bread, fruit in light syrup.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 14 - Chicken nuggets, tuna roll, oven fries, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 15 - Rib-aque, oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, February 16 – Lasagna with garlic bread, turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken fajita in a soft taco shell, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, nachos, pudding, milk.

Friday, February 18 - Linguiça pizza, cheese pizza, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, assorted dessert, fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL Monday, February 14 - Grilled cheese, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, hamburger/ cheeseburger, oven fries, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, sweetheart cake.

Tuesday, February 15 - Ta∞ boat with all the fixings, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, Spanish rice, baked beans, chilled peaches, baked custard with

Wednesday, February 16 -Cheesy macaroni twists, mac rib sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot dog on a roll, potato puffs, green beans, chilled pears, watermelon jello with topping.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein, crispy noodles, hot ham and cheese, seasoned rice, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Friday, February 18 - Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, chilled applesauce.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL Monday, February 14 - Baked lasagna with garlic bread, ham and cheese quiche, grilled chicken club. oven fries, carrots, mixed fruit, sweetheart cake.

Tuesday, February 15 - Kentucky style chicken, ham and cheese gourmet pretzel roll, sausage pizza, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, baked custard with

topping.

Wednesday, February 16 - Italian meat loaf with sauce and grated mozzarella, hot pastrami grinder, chicken salad pocket, seasoned pasta noodles, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with

Thursday, February 17 - Roast turkey with gravy, baked glazed ham, hamburger/cheeseburger, whipped potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, chilled apricots, apple pie. Friday, February 18 - Pepperoni pizza, grilled chicken club, mac rib sub, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled pineapple, assorted dessert.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN Monday, February 14 - Grilled cheese, meatball sub with grated hamburger/ mozzarella. cheeseburger, oven fries, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, sweetheart cake.

Tuesday, February 15 - Taco boat with all the fixings, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with

Wednesday, February 16 Cheesy macaroni twists, mac rib sub, chicken salad pocket, hot dog on a roll, potato puffs, green beans, chilled pears, watermelon jello with

topping.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein, crispy noodles, hot ham and cheese, seasoned rice, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Friday, February 18 - Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, chilled applesauce.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL

ROCHESTER

Monday, February 14 - Chicken nuggets, tuna roll, oven fries, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 15 - Rib-a-que, oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, February 16 - Lasagna with garlic bread, turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken fajita in a soft taco shell, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit,

nachos, pudding, milk.

Friday, February 18 - Linguiça pizza, cheese pizza, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, assorted dessert, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 14 - Chicken nuggets, French fries, cranberry sauce, peas and carrots, bread and spice cake.

Tuesday, February 15 - Chicken noodle soup, toasted ham and cheese, spicy fries, mixed vegetables, choclate whipped cream cake.

Wednesday, February 16 -Orange juice, meatball sub, potato chips, green beans, jello.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken chow mein sandwich, bologna and cheese, stir fry veggies, rice, peanut butter cookie.

Friday, February 18 - Vegetable soup, pizza, potato puffs, corn, fruit, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL - MATTAPOISETT Monday, February 14 - Chicken nuggets, tuna roll, oven fries,

carrots, fruit, dessert, milk. Tuesday, February 15 - Rib-a-que, oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, February 16 -Lasagna with garlic bread, turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken fajita in a soft taco shell, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, nachos, pudding, milk. Friday, February 18 - Linguiça pizza, cheese pizza, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, assorted dessert, fruit,

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, February 14 - Soup, chicken tenders, mashed potato, BBQ ribs, pepperoni calzone, corn, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, February 15 - Soup, beef taco, linguiça sandwich, chicken patty, nachos, salsa, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or

Wednesday, February 16 -Soup, meat lasagna, toasted tuna roll, grilled cheese, garlic bread, salad, dessert, juice or

Thursday, February 17 - Soup, turkey with gravy, chicken fritters, bacon cheeseburger, mashed potato, corn, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, February 18 - Soup. pastrami with cheese, meatball sub, fish dandy, fries, pickle, celery stick, dessert, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL

MARION Monday, February 14 - Chicken nuggets, tuna roll, oven fries.

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Wednesday, February 16 -Lasagna with garlic bread, turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, cookie, milk.

Thursday, February 17 - Chicken fajita in a soft ta∞ shell, taco chalupa, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, nachos, pudding, milk. Friday, February 18 - Linguiça pizza, cheese pizza, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, assorted dessert, fruit, milk.

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February Calendar

- Thursday, February 10 Crafts at the Senior Center, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Gift boxes are going to be made;
- Sunday, February 13 Lions Club Breakfast at the Rochester Grange Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am. All you can eat buffet for \$5;
- Monday, February 14 Bagging at Canton, van leaves Town Hall at 8:00 am;
- Tuesday, February 15 Blood Pressure and Sugar Test at Town Hall, 12:30 to 2:00 pm;
- Wednesday, February 16 Council on Aging Meeting at Town Hall, 9:00 am;
- Saturday, February 19 SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Rochester Town Hall. If you have a problem, please call Marie at 763-8723 or 763-3500;
- Monday, February 20 Presidents' Day (COA office closed);
- Tuesday, February 22 AARP Meeting at Town Hall, 1:00 pm. All are invited;
- Thursday, February 24 Crafts at the Senior Center, 9:00

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- Front Street disturbance
- Spring Street adult arrest/ protective custody (drunkeness)
- Seaside Lane animal complaint
- · County Road animal complaint
- Wareham Road officer wanted
- Spring Street animal com-
- Front Street animal complaint
- · Wareham Road lockout
- Route 195 West recovered motor vehicle
- Seaside Lane animal complaint
- Moorings Road animal complaint
- Nash Road adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check over \$250)
- Blackhall Court breaking and entering/past
- Hastings Road recovered motor vehicle
- Wareham Road adult arrest (protective custody)
- Mill Street general service
 Route 195 West motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street parking violation
- Mill Street animal complaint
- Marion Road disturbance
- Delano Road motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Abels Way vandalism/past
- Point Road suspicious

person

- Front Street forgery
- Spring Street motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Marion Road motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Spring Street motor vehicle accident/property damage.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 23 through January 29, 2000:

- Acushnet Road lost dog/ black lab
- County Road found property
- Marion Road transport
- Pinehurst Avenue loose dog in area
- Marion Road disturbance/ fight
- Marion Road past vandalism/ graffiti
- County Road minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot
- Marion Road simple threats
- Marion Road suspicious person
- Marion Road vandalism/ damage to property
- Acushnet Road dog hit by car
- Route 195 West motor vehicle accident
- River Road suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road icy roads
- Church Street Extension motor vehicle accident/car hit house
- County Road power failure
- Acushnet Road harassing phone calls
- Mattapoisett Neck Road damage to pole
- County Road motor vehicle accident
- County Road loose dog
- Mattapoisett Harbor past motor vehicle accident
- Acushnet Road motor vehicle accident

- · County Road kids throwing snowballs
- Rock Street car hit deer
- Marina Drive disturbance/ possible domestic
- North Street burglary/ breaking and entering/forced
- County Road returned property
- Tinkham Lane animal complaint
- Cannon Street harassing phone calls
- Brant Beach Avenue suspicious motor vehicle
- Shaw Street suspicious persons
- Main Street animal complaint.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 3 through February 7, 2000:

- Tabor Lane animal complaint
- Tabor Lane civil complaint
- Hiller Road animal complaint
- Hiller Road dog barking
- Hiller Road officer wanted
- North Avenue animal complaint
- Featherbed Lane suspicious activity
- Bowen's Lane hunters in
- Sol Farm adult arrest/ domestic, assault and battery
- County Road suspicious
- North Avenue adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Mattapoisett Road suspicious activity
- High Street animal complaint
- Walnut Plain Road officer
- · Old Tuck Bog Road suspicious motor vehicle.

am to 12:00 noon. Gift boxes will be made;

• Monday, February 28 - Cuffy's Cape Cod Factory Store and Christmas Tree Store. Reservations are a must (763-8723).

Lunch

Lunch is held at the Vestry on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 am at a cost of \$1.25. SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available at the Rochester COA everyday, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SERVE/SHARE

SERVE (SHARE) pick-up day is the fourth Saturday of the month at the Rochester Woman's Club at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

AARP

AARP meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and all are welcome.

Trips

The Rochester COA trips are held on Monday and the van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am. The COA tries to do special events for seniors, and take them to places that are of interest to all.

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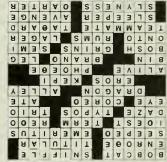
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Watch what's behind you. Push yourself forward. You're the leader of the pack. You're inspired but constrained by finances. If you travel, take care.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Your friends inspire you. Your worries could push you. Your common sense takes over. A whim could prove

expensive, but it's fun.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Listen to your elders and let them know you appreciate their insights, or they'll say the same thing over and over again. Your team can win with your help and another's leadership. Take it slow or you could make a silly mistake. You're smart and confident, but accept coaching, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Get a clear scan of the big picture. Accept coaching from a strong leader. Friends help you stick to your schedule. Don't let your inner voice drive you crazy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Spend wisely, not impetuously. Use your mate or an expert to help make the

final decision.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be busy with work. For domestic matters, go along with what your partner or an expert wants.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Follow a hunch and act quickly at work. Go along with a partner's requests.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). True love will triumph. Don't worry about a lack of funds. Work your extra weight off, just to stay in the same position.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can learn something important by listening in the privacy of your home. There's more than enough love to go around.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Speak up and take action to show you've learned new material. Your house is overflowing with excitement.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may think you have more money than you really have. Take care. Catch up on your reading quickly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Work well under pressure by thinking before taking action. The money flows to you, so hold onto as much as you can.

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Sunday afternoon, February 13 at 2:00 pm will be a time to come to the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street, to share stories and tales — fact or fiction — about Mattapoisett's past. This, the third in their "memories sharing" afternoons will focus on Mattapoisett's other waterways. So, they are looking for stories about the river, the ponds, the herring weir ... be it fish stories, boat races, ice skating, ice-cutting, and the like. All are welcome to come, share, and/or listen, and spend an enjoyable hour or so reminiscing.

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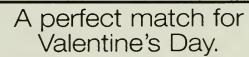






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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

#735 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Ronald H. & Lucille A. Boucher. Property is located at 383 Neck Road; Assessors plan 26, lot 18A. Petitioner is seeking variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B. Public hearing will be conducted on February 24, 2000 at 7:30PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman

2/10, 2/17

TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

#737 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Brian Cook/Joseph Zeadt owner. Property is located at 28 Marion Road; Assessors plan 6 lots 3 & 4. Petitioner is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.5.d. to allow a business in the agricultural/residential district; a special permit under section VIII.C.5.d. to allow a sign larger than the allowed 9 square feet and a varience under section VIII.B. from setback requirements. Public hearing will be conducted on February 24, 2000 at 8:00PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman

2/10, 2/17

ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Rochester Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on March 1, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall. The subject of the hearing will be an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to be issued in accordance with the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C, Mass. General Laws, as amended, and the Historic District By-Law of the Town of Rochester. The application, which is summarized below, is available for public inspection at the Town Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Application: 28 Marion Road
Applicant: Brian Cook
The applicant seeks approval for
exterior work including addition to front
porch, fencing, windows, and the removal
and the replacement of signage.
Susan S. Adams, Chairman
Rochester Historic District Commission 2/10

TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

#738 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on February 24, 2000 at 7:45PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall on the petition of Brian Cook, 9 Old Farm Lane, Assessors Plan 34 Lot 1N. Petitioner is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.2.a. to construct a garage larger than the allowed 750 square teet.. Charles Wolf, Chairman 2/10, 2/17

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Proposals must be made in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Town of Mattapoisett. The designer(s) selected to perform these services will be eligible to continue with the final design and other phases of designer services of the project, should the funding for additional services be approved, subject to an independent review process in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, c. 7, Section 38H(I).

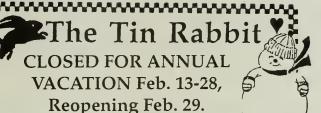
Applicants must submit at least ten (10) copies of their proposals. These must be sealed and marked "DESIGNER PROPOSAL FOR MATTAPOISETT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY — DO NOT OPEN" and delivered to the Selectmen's Office of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 at or before 3:00 PM, Monday, April 10, 2000. Prop sals received after that time will not be considered. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud thereafter. A minimum of three finalists will be selected on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 and final selection will be made by Thursday, June 8, 2000.

Applicants must be professional

Applicants must be professional architects licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The fee for this project will be negotiated; a budget limit of \$40,000 has been established. The required completion date for all work, including the three dimensional model, is Friday, December 15, 2000. The total cost of the final addition(s) is unknown, however, an estimate of \$2.6 million has been projected.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive minor informalities and irregularities in any proposals, and to make an award in any manner consistent with the law and deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Mattapoisett.

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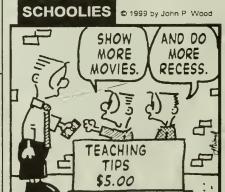
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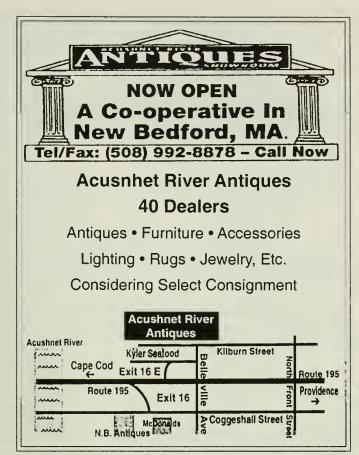
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Millicent Library - Fairhaven

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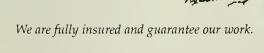
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Parents who need help with selecting reading material for their children are encouraged to visit Lisa Howard in the Children's Room of the library. She will be happy to make suggestions for your child as well as listen to your suggestions for the collection.

First Congregational Church - Marion Bus Trips

The First Congregational Church of Marion is sponsoring two trips in February. They are as follows:

• Sunday, February 13 - The Providence Bruins at the Civic Center. Tickets cost \$7 per person. The bus will leave the Marion General Store parking lot at 2:00 pm. Game time is 4:00 pm;

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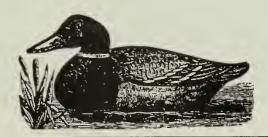
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February 11:	Fri.		12:06	5:09	5:27		
February 12:	Sat.	12:39	1:05	6:07	6:22		
February 13:	Sun.	1:40	2:10	7:14	7:27		
February 14:	Mon.	2:45	3:15	8:30	8:39		
February 15:	Tues.	3:49	4:17	9:50	9:54		
February 16:	Wed.	4:49	5:16	11:00	11:04		
February 17:	Thurs.	5:45	6:10	11:59			
February 18:	Fri.	6:37	7:01	12:04	12:49		
February 19:	Sat.	7:27	7:49	12:59	1:35		
February 20:	Sun.	8:15	8:36	1:48	2:17		
February 21:	Mon.	9:01	9:23	2:34	2:57		
February 22:	Tues.	9:47	10:09	3:17	3:35		
February 23:	Wed.	10:32	10:56	3:59	4:10		
February 24:	Thurs.	11:19	11:44	4:39	4:46		
February 25:	Fri.		12:07	5:20	5:24		
February 26:	Sat.	12:36	1:00	6:05	6:06		
February 27:	Sun.	1:32	1:57	6:58	6:58		
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